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## **ABSTRACT**

Systems and methods are provided for point-of-care patient monitoring and include real-time acquisition, display and transfer of data from one or more patient monitor units (e.g. ECG, blood pressure, temperature, etc.) both locally and to remote sites. The invention can provide an effective link between one or more patient monitoring units and e.g. electronic patient records, a medical practitioner at a site remote from the patient, and the like. Such a direct (non-manual) data link can completely obviate any manual input or transfer of physiological data.

